THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Double line already exists between Delhi-Meerut section. There is no scheme under formulation for doubling of Meerut-Muzaffarnagar section.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Public-Private Joint Venture in Railways

†2400. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several projects are being implemented in Railways by Public-Private Sector joint ventures;

(b) if so, the names of these projects and respective capital investment therein by both the sectors;

(c) whether foreign investors are also partners in these projects; and

(d) if so, the names of these projects with respective amount of foreign capital investment therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Infrastructure projects undertaken through joint ventures are:

i. Surendranagar-Pipavav Gauge Conversion Project. Ministry of Railways and Gujarat Pipavav Port Ltd. have invested Rs. 98 crore each in the equity.

ii. Hassan-Mangalore Gauge Conversion Project. The investments made by the participants are as under:

— Ministry of Railways-Rs. 45 crore.

— Government of Karnataka- Rs.45 crore.

— Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd. -Rs. 2 crore.

— New Mangalore Port Trust - Rs. 10 crore.

— M/s Mineral Enterprises Ltd. Rs. 10 crore.

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iii. Gandhidham-Palanpur Gauge Conversion Project. The investments made by the participants are as under:

— Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. - Rs. 100 crore.

— Kandla Port Trust-Rs. 52 crore.

— Mundra Port - Rs. 40 crore.

— Gujarat Government - Rs. 8 crore.

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited is in the process of implementing certain projects through joint ventures.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Punctuality of trains

†2401. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of trains in the country which were Funning on time during the last one year;

(b) the percentage of trains which were late by one or two hours; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to ensure the punctuality of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The figures for last one year of trains which were running on time is given in Statement-I (See below).

(b) Indian Railways do not maintain train running data in such a format. Data is maintained for trains lost in punctuality or not. These figures are given as answer to part (a) above.

(c) Statement-Il is attached.

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